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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:                      Ranjit N. Notani et al.  
Serial No.:                                      09/156,334  
Filing Date:                                   September 18, 1998  
Group Art Unit:                              ~~2161~~  
Examiner:                                      T. Dixon  
Title:    *Method and System for Managing Collaboration Within and  
Between Enterprises*

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Dear Sir:

**Response to Interview Summary Under 37 C.F.R. 1.133(b)**

In Response to the Interview Summary mailed July 13, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit this Response.

**Remarks**

The Examiner mailed a Final Office Action on May 3, 2004. On July 6, 2004, Applicants discussed the Final Office Action and the references cited in the Final Office Action with the Examiner over the telephone. Applicants discussed with the Examiner the possibility of amending Applicants' claims—even though Applicants believe all claims are allowable without amendment—to facilitate issuance of a patent from this Application with the Examiner. No agreement on the substance of any such amendments was reached. At the conclusion of the telephone interview, Applicants indicated that Applicants would conduct further analysis to determine whether any additional amendments might be appropriate to facilitate issuance of a patent from this Application. Applicants called the Examiner on July 12, 2004 and left a message indicating that no additional amendments would be made and that Applicants would file a Notice of Appeal.

**Conclusion**

Applicants believe no fees are due. Nonetheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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